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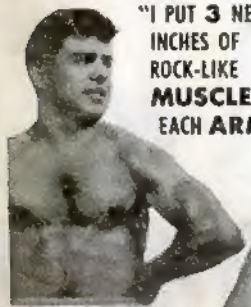
"CITY OF GIANTS!"

A TALE TO STAGGER YOUR IMAGINATION!

TONY PASCARELLA

BEFORE "Here's me—a bag-of-bones weakling before I mailed the coupon."

AFTER "I ADDED 3 NEW INCHES TO MY CHEST." "I PUT 3 NEW INCHES OF ROCK-LIKE MUSCLE ON EACH ARM!



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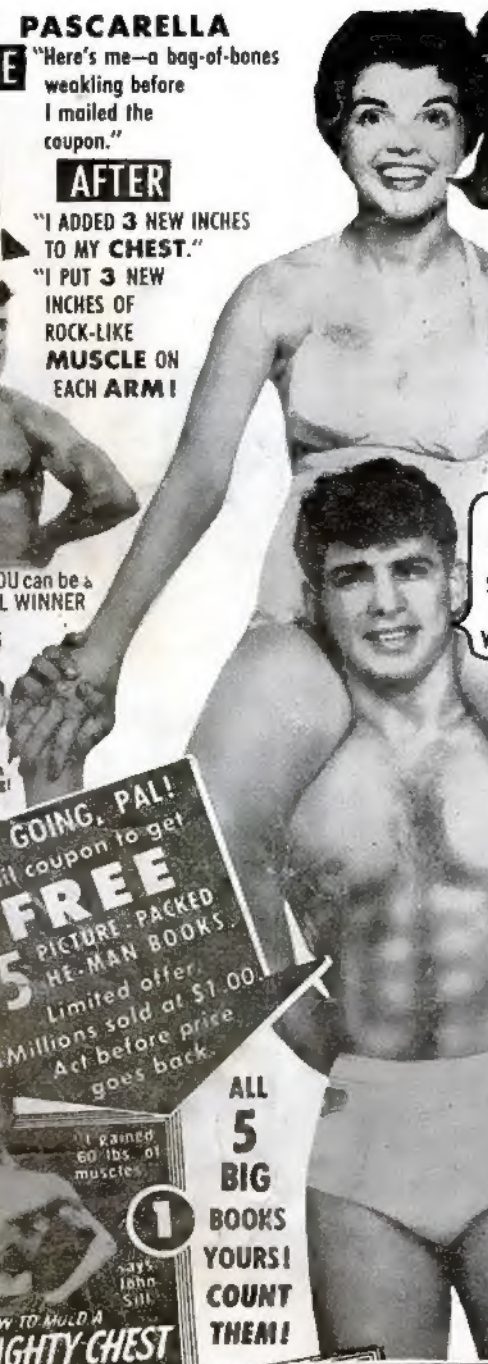

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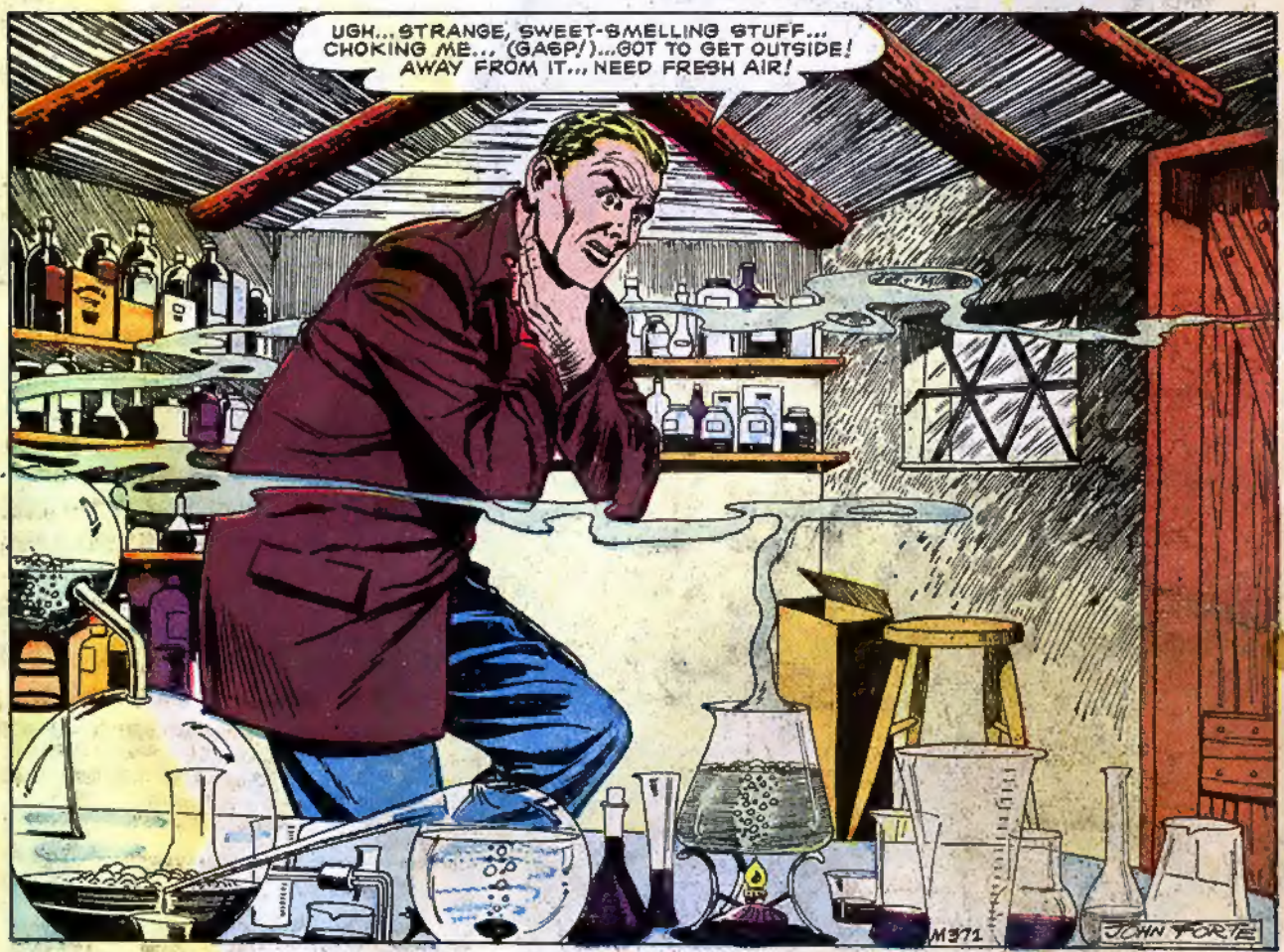
IT HAD NOT BEEN ERIC WOLTON'S INTENTION TO LOOT THE TOWN OF BROMBURG WHEN HE STARTED OUT, BUT THE MONEY-MAD SCIENTIST'S COMPOUND "I" HAD A MYSTERIOUS AND UNEXPECTED EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE, AND HE FOUND THAT THERE'S NOTHING QUITE SO HELPLESS AS A.....

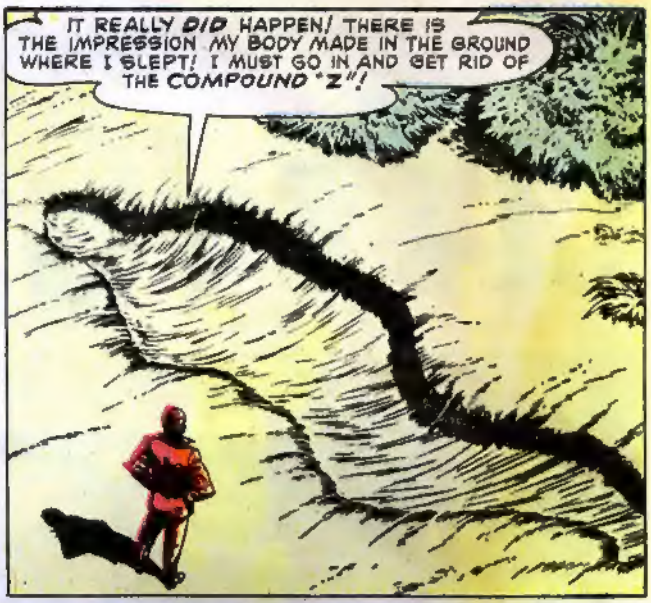
CITY of GIANTS

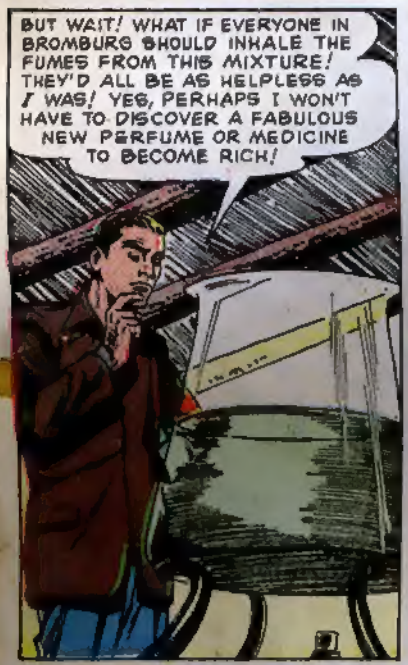


ERIC WOLTON LIVED IN THE CITY OF BROMBURG, WHICH WAS AN ISLAND BY ITSELF OFF THE COAST OF THE MAINLAND! HIS SMALL HUT HOUSED HIS HOME AND LABORATORY, ISOLATED IN A SMALL WOODLAND...

ERIC WAS INTERESTED NEITHER IN FAME FOR HIMSELF, NOR HELP FOR HIS FELLOW MAN! HE'D BEEN WORKING ON A NEW CHEMICAL FORMULA FOR SOME SORT OF PERFUME WITH ONE THOUGHT IN MIND... TO MAKE HIMSELF RICH! BUT THE GREEN VAPOR FROM HIS MIXTURE CAUSED A CHEMICAL CHANGE IN HIM...

FORCED TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT ON THE SOFT, MUDDY GROUND, ERIC WAS RATHER STIFF WHEN HE WOKE THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BUT HE'D RETURNED TO NORMAL SIZE...


IT REALLY DID HAPPEN! THERE IS THE IMPRESSION MY BODY MADE IN THE GROUND WHERE I SLEPT! I MUST GO IN AND GET RID OF THE COMPOUND "Z"!


BUT WAIT! WHAT IF EVERYONE IN BROMBURG SHOULD INHALE THE FUMES FROM THIS MIXTURE! THEY'D ALL BE AS HELPLESS AS I WAS! YES, PERHAPS I WON'T HAVE TO DISCOVER A FABULOUS NEW PERFUME OR MEDICINE TO BECOME RICH!

ERIC WOLTON MADE HIS PLANS, AND IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE NEXT MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK AND ALL OF BROMBURG SLEPT, HE CARRIED HIS CHEMICALS AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE CITY...

IT'LL BE ANOTHER THREE HOURS BEFORE THE SUBWAY STARTS UP AGAIN FOR THE DAY! THAT'LL GIVE ME MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME, PROVIDED A STRONG WIND DOESN'T BLOW!
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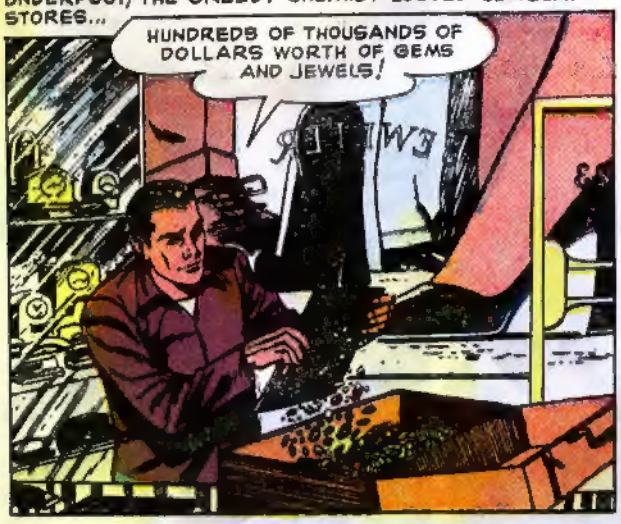
SHORTLY BEFORE SUNRISE THE GREEN CLOUD SPREAD OVER THE CITY, RISING FROM VARIOUS STREET GRATINGS AND EXITS FROM THE SUBWAY...

THERE WAS NO BREEZE AT ALL, SO THE VAPOR RISING FROM THAT UNDERGROUND PLATFORM WHERE ERIC BREWED HIS MIXTURE SPREAD EVENLY, COVERING EVERY INCH OF THE CITY OF BROMBURG...

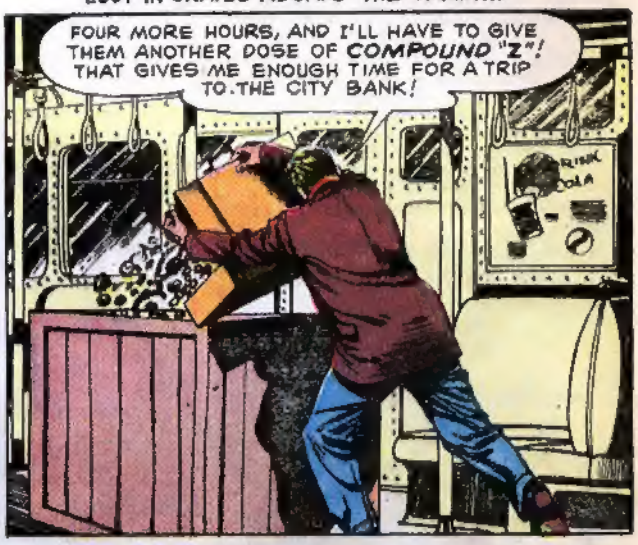
WHEN THE AIR CLEARED, ERIC WOLTON REMOVED HIS GAS MASK AND CLIMBED THE SUBWAY STAIRS TO THE STREET! THE FANTASTIC SIGHT THAT GREETED HIS EYES FILLED HIM WITH SATISFACTION...

YES, THEY'RE AS HELPLESS AS I WAS! NOW I CAN GO ABOUT AT MY LEISURE, AT LEAST FOR EIGHT HOURS, HELPING MYSELF TO WHATEVER I CHOOSE! WHY, I'LL BE FABULOUSLY WEALTHY WITHIN A FEW DAYS!

While giant people awkwardly milled about the streets, flattening busses, cars and trucks underfoot, the greedy chemist looted jewelry stores...



Then he would return to the subway, store his loot in crates aboard the train...



He moved easily between the feet of his overgrown fellow townsmen, careful only to avoid being stepped on!

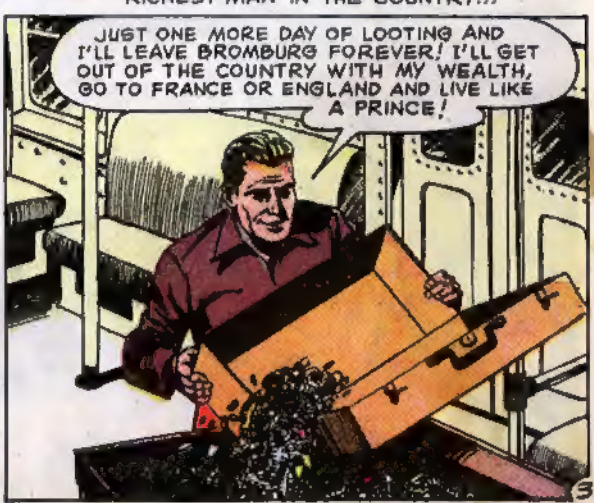
Mayor Josef Fuhmar called an emergency meeting with Bromburg police chief Otto Grotz...

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS ERIC WOLTON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR PLIGHT! HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS REMAINED SMALL! HE HAS BEEN SEEN COMING FROM THE SUBWAY BY PEOPLE WHO RECOGNIZED HIM, AND THAT IS WHERE THOSE SWEET, GREEN VAPORS COME FROM...THE SUBWAY!
THEN IF YOU KNOW THE CULPRIT, CHIEF GROTZ, WHY HAVEN'T YOU CAUGHT HIM?

WE'VE TRIED, YOUR HONOR! IT'S LIKE TRYING TO CATCH A TINY EEL! WHEN HE SEES US REACHING FOR HIM, HE GOES BACK INTO THE SUBWAY, INTO A BUILDING, OR EVEN UNDER THE ARCH OF SOME LADY'S SHOE!
SO THE SCOUNDREL GOES ON LOOTING THE CITY! AND WE CAN ONLY WATCH HELPLESSLY! WHY, EVEN PEOPLE ENTERING THE CITY BY FERRY-BOAT ARE TURNED INTO GIANTS!

People did attempt to seize the chemist, but he only laughed at their futile efforts...

Days went by, and Eric Wolton's vast hoard grew! The subway went to the mainland and... if he could get away with it, he'd be the richest man in the country...


JUST ONE MORE DAY OF LOOTING AND I'LL LEAVE BROMBURG FOREVER! I'LL GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY WITH MY WEALTH, GO TO FRANCE OR ENGLAND AND LIVE LIKE A PRINCE!

NEXT DAY, AFTER RELEASING MORE OF THE GREEN VAPOR TO KEEP BROMBURG A CITY OF GIANTS, ERIC WENT OUT FOR MORE LOOT, BUT RETURNED JUST AN HOUR LATER...

I'M TIRED OF CARRYING HEAVY LOADS OF CASH AND GEMS! I'M READY TO DEPART... AFTER JUST ONE EXTRA-HEAVY DOSE OF COMPOUND "Z" VAPORS TO MAKE SURE MY BIG FRIENDS CAN'T FOLLOW ME!

SUDDENLY A COLD CHILL CAME OVER THE THIEVING CHEMIST! HE GASPED FOR BREATH...

RUNNING OUT OF OXYGEN! GOT TO HOOK UP A NEW CAN OF IT TO MY MASK!

EMPTY! THEY'RE ALL EMPTY!

A SMALL CLOUD OF GREEN VAPOR FLOATED ABOUT ERIC AS HE DESPERATELY RIPPED OFF HIS GAS MASK...

I-I'VE GOT TO HAVE A BREATH OF AIR!

SEVEN HOURS LATER THE EFFECTS OF COMPOUND "Z" HAD WORN OFF, AND THE ENRAGED PEOPLE OF BROMBURG, HAVING RETURNED TO NORMAL SIZE AT LAST, RUSHED TO THE SUBWAY...

ERIC WOLTON HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF HIS OWN EVIL FORMULA!

WE'LL WAIT RIGHT HERE TILL HE BECOMES OUR SIZE AGAIN! THEN... INTO PRISON HE GOES!

COMPTON HAD BEEN A NORMAL, SMALL MID-WESTERN TOWN! WHAT GRIPPING STORY LAY BENEATH ITS SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION? HOW COULD ONE LONELY, UNWANTED HUMAN CHANGE ITS BASIC CHARACTER?

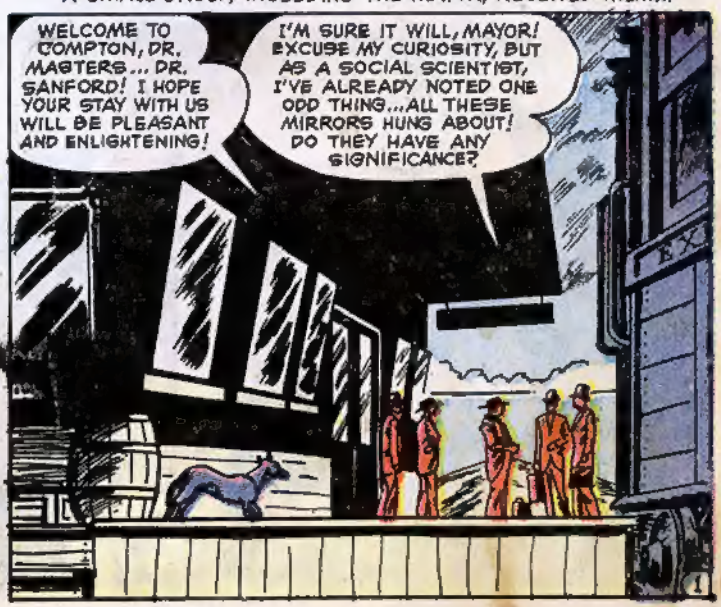
THE DOCTOR WEARS A MASK

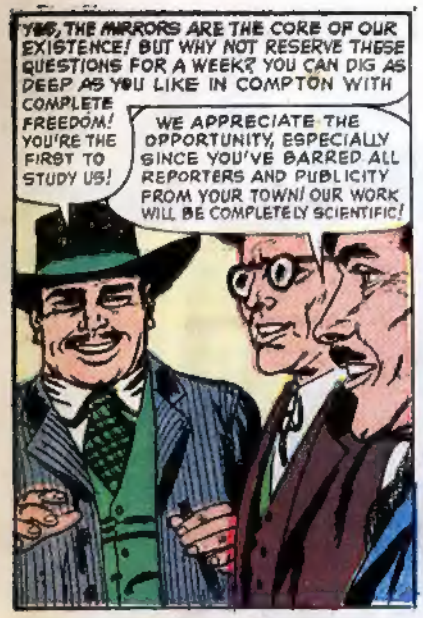
RIP THAT MASK OFF! LET'S SEE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE!
DOWN WITH COMPTON'S JINX! HE'S A MENACE!
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE SAVAGES, ALL OF YOU! ALL RIGHT THEN, IF YOU MUST, I'LL TEAR OFF MY MASK!

LET US TURN ASIDE FROM THIS DRAMATIC EVENT FOR A MOMENT, TO THE DAY A TRAIN SLOWED, AND TWO NATIONALLY-EMINENT SOCIOLOGISTS PREPARED TO ALIGHT AT COMPTON...

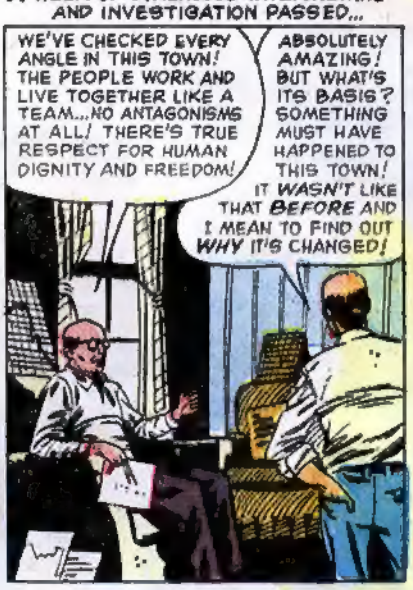
WELL, FRANK, HERE WE ARE! SEEMS LIKE A SMALL, CLEAN, PEACEFUL TOWN! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'LL FIND?
WHO CAN TELL? BUT THE FACT REMAINS IT'S UNIQUE IN CIVIC HISTORY! A TOWN WITHOUT CRIME, WITHOUT VIOLENCE OR CORRUPTION IN FOUR YEARS!

A SMALL GROUP, INCLUDING THE MAYOR, RECEIVED THEM...

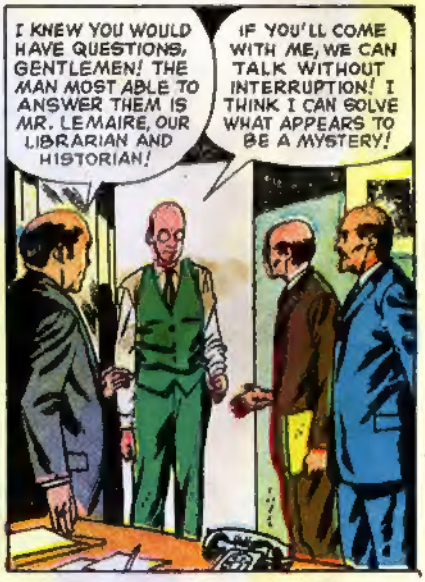

WELCOME TO COMPTON, DR. MASTERS... DR. SANFORD! I HOPE YOUR STAY WITH US WILL BE PLEASANT AND ENLIGHTENING!
I'M SURE IT WILL, MAYOR! EXCUSE MY CURIOSITY, BUT AS A SOCIAL SCIENTIST, I'VE ALREADY NOTED ONE ODD THING...ALL THESE MIRRORS HUNG ABOUT! DO THEY HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE?


YES, THE MIRRORS ARE THE CORE OF OUR EXISTENCE! BUT WHY NOT RESERVE THESE QUESTIONS FOR A WEEK? YOU CAN DIG AS DEEP AS YOU LIKE IN COMPTON WITH COMPLETE FREEDOM! YOU'RE THE FIRST TO STUDY US!
WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE BARRED ALL REPORTERS AND PUBLICITY FROM YOUR TOWN! OUR WORK WILL BE COMPLETELY SCIENTIFIC!

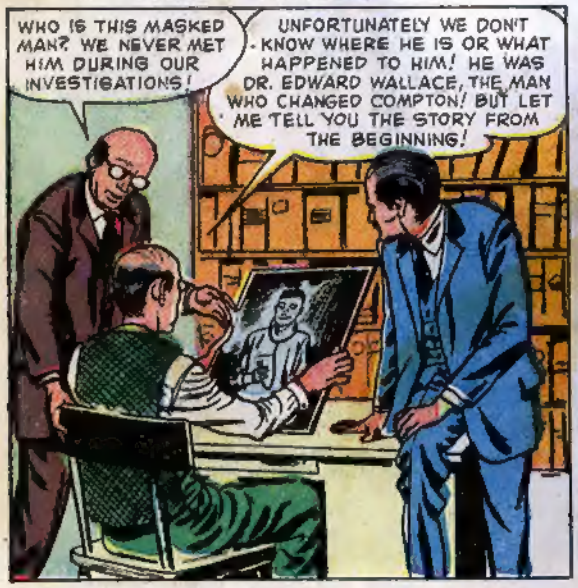
A WEEK OF STRENUOUS INTERVIEWING AND INVESTIGATION PASSED...


WE'VE CHECKED EVERY ANGLE IN THIS TOWN! THE PEOPLE WORK AND LIVE TOGETHER LIKE A TEAM...NO ANTAGONISMS AT ALL! THERE'S TRUE RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM!
ABSOLUTELY AMAZING! BUT WHAT'S ITS BASIS? SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO THIS TOWN! IT WASN'T LIKE THAT BEFORE AND I MEAN TO FIND OUT WHY IT'S CHANGED!

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...


I KNEW YOU WOULD HAVE QUESTIONS, GENTLEMEN! THE MAN MOST ABLE TO ANSWER THEM IS MR. LEMAIRE, OUR LIBRARIAN AND HISTORIAN!
IF YOU'LL COME WITH ME, WE CAN TALK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION! I THINK I CAN SOLVE WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MYSTERY!

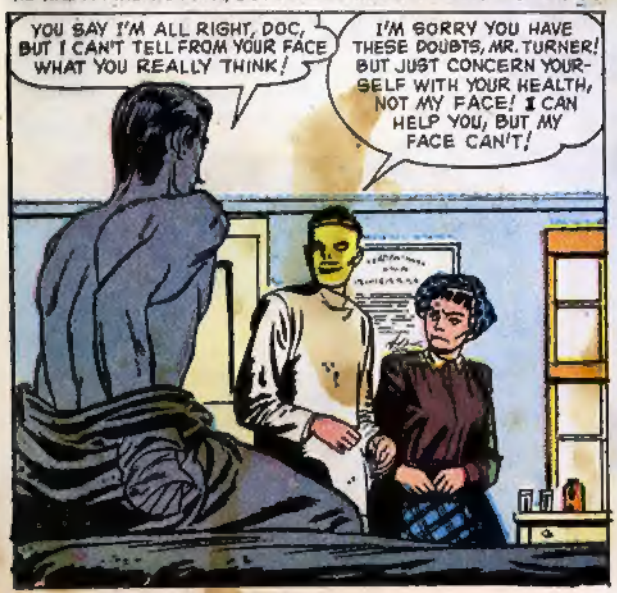
IN THE MAYOR'S ADJOURNING STUDY...


WHO IS THIS MASKED MAN? WE NEVER MET HIM DURING OUR INVESTIGATIONS!
UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS OR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM! HE WAS DR. EDWARD WALLACE, THE MAN WHO CHANGED COMPTON! BUT LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY FROM THE BEGINNING!

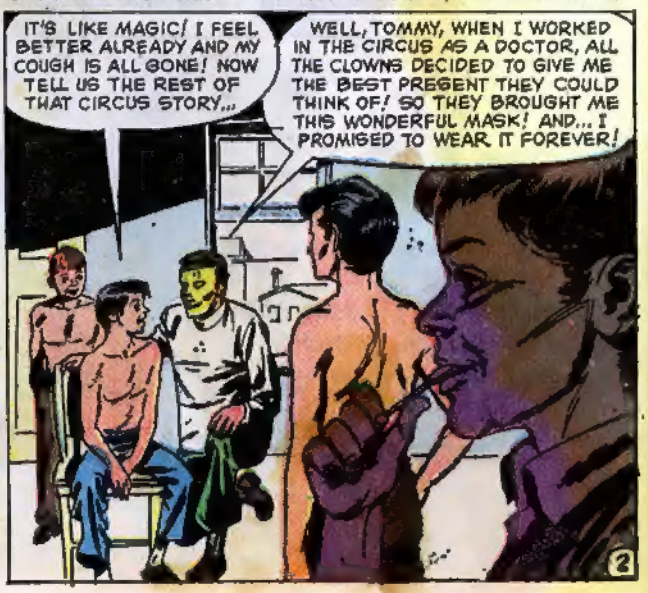
"ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, OUR HEALTH OFFICER DIED...THE CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER SENT US A NEW DOCTOR..."

WE WERE SENT TO MEET YOU, DOCTOR WALLACE! BUT... ER...WHY DO YOU WEAR THAT MASK? IS IT SOME KIND OF JOKE?
IT HAPPENS TO BE MY FACE RIGHT NOW! I DIDN'T COME HERE TO ENTER A BEAUTY CONTEST! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A HEALTH OFFICER... A DOCTOR!

"HE WAS A FINE DOCTOR, BUT PEOPLE WERE AWED BY THE MASK..."


YOU SAY I'M ALL RIGHT, DOC, BUT I CAN'T TELL FROM YOUR FACE WHAT YOU REALLY THINK!
I'M SORRY YOU HAVE THESE DOUBTS, MR. TURNER! BUT JUST CONCERN YOURSELF WITH YOUR HEALTH, NOT MY FACE! I CAN HELP YOU, BUT MY FACE CAN'T!

"BUT THE KIDS SEEMED TO SEE THRU THE MASK AND LOVED HIM..."


IT'S LIKE MAGIC! I FEEL BETTER ALREADY AND MY COUGH IS ALL GONE! NOW TELL US THE REST OF THAT CIRCUS STORY...
WELL, TOMMY, WHEN I WORKED IN THE CIRCUS AS A DOCTOR, ALL THE CLOWNS DECIDED TO GIVE ME THE BEST PRESENT THEY COULD THINK OF! SO THEY BROUGHT ME THIS WONDERFUL MASK! AND... I PROMISED TO WEAR IT FOREVER!

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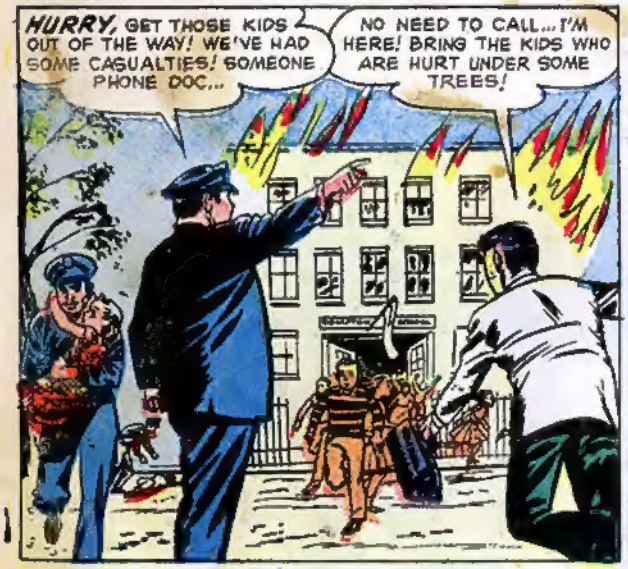
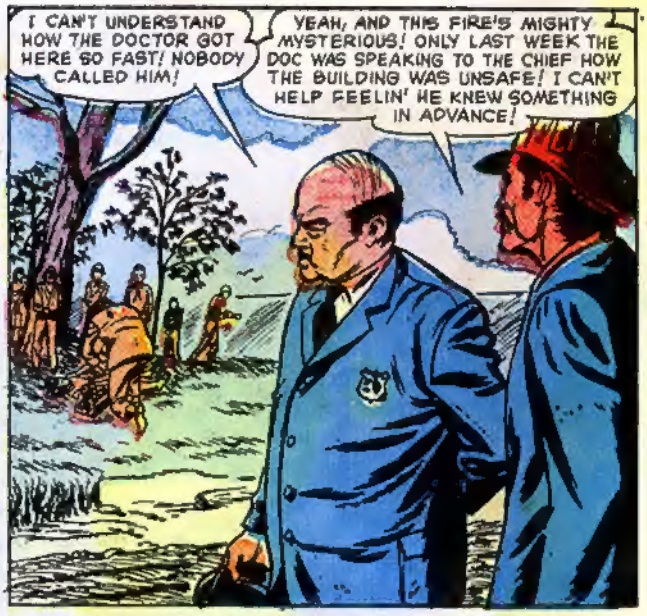
"ALONG ABOUT THE THIRD YEAR, A SERIES OF MISFORTUNES HIT COMPTON! FIRST WE HAD THE BIG SCHOOL FIRE..."


HURRY, GET THOSE KIDS OUT OF THE WAY! WE'VE HAD SOME CASUALTIES! SOMEONE PHONE DOC...
NO NEED TO CALL... I'M HERE! BRING THE KIDS WHO ARE HURT UNDER SOME TREES!


I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE DOCTOR GOT HERE SO FAST! NOBODY CALLED HIM!
YEAH, AND THIS FIRE'S MIGHTY MYSTERIOUS! ONLY LAST WEEK THE DOC WAS SPEAKING TO THE CHIEF HOW THE BUILDING WAS UNSAFE! I CAN'T HELP FEELIN' HE KNEW SOMETHING IN ADVANCE!

"THEN THE WAHANIC RIVER BROKE THRU THE LEVEES ONE STORMY NIGHT, FIRST TIME IN THE TOWN'S HISTORY..."

PILE THOSE BAGS UP DOUBLE! ONE OF YOU CALL THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS! AND I'LL NEED FOUR MEN TO CARRY STRETCHERS!
YOU SURE GOT HERE FAST, DR. WALLACE! I DIDN'T THINK ANY-ONE CONTACTED YOU!

YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A WEEK, HARVEY! DON'T TRY TO USE THAT ARM UNTIL THEN!
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A DOCTOR WHEN YOU NEED HIM, BUT HOW DID HE KNOW THIS LEVEE WOULD BREAK? HE WAS HERE BEFORE THE RESCUE TEAMS!

"MISFORTUNE STRUCK A THIRD TIME SOON AFTER, WHEN VIOLENCE BROKE OUT DURING A LABOR DISPUTE..."

"WHEN THE RIOT WAS OVER..."

DOC WALLACE! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? EVERY TIME THERE'S TROUBLE, YOU ARRIVE ABOUT THE SAME TIME OR BEFORE!
WOULD IT BE BETTER IF I GOT HERE TOO LATE OR NOT AT ALL, CHIEF BRENNAN? I NEED SOME ASSISTANCE! INSTEAD OF SCRATCHING YOUR HEAD, GET A DETAIL TO REMOVE THE INJURED!

"AFTER SEVERAL OTHER CATASTROPHES, THE FOOLISH TOWN OFFICIALS, THE IGNORANT AND THE BLAME-SEEKERS, HELD A MASS MEETING..."

WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING, BUT SINCE THIS MASKED DOCTOR CAME, COMPTON'S SUFFERED! WHAT DOES HE DO IN THAT LABORATORY ALL NIGHT... WHY DOES HE WEAR THAT MASK? !!!!!!
LET'S FIND OUT!
TEAR HIS MASK OFF!
WE'LL LEARN HIS SECRET!

MOMENTS LATER, THE MOB SURGED AROUND DR. WALLACE'S HOME, AND..
HE WAS ALL PACKED AND READY TO RUN AWAY!
LET ME GO, YOU HOODLUMS! I'VE DONE NOTHING TO YOU! WHY IS THIS MOB HERE?
ALL RIGHT, WALLACE, THE MASQUERADE IS OVER! WE WANT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF SECRET LIES BEHIND THAT MASK!
I'VE NOTHING TO HIDE FROM YOU! I'LL SHOW YOU MY FACE! YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT TILL YOUR DYING DAY!
IT'S NOT A FACE! IT'S A MIRROR... A PIECE OF STEEL!
I'M NOT A HUMAN BEING..! I'M FROM--OUT THERE--SENT HERE TO HELP YOU HUMANS... BUT YOU DON'T DESERVE IT! LOOK AT MY "FACE"...
DO YOU SEE THE GREED, THE CRUELTY WHICH LINES YOUR OWN FACES? COMPTON'S MISFORTUNES ARE NO ACCIDENT! I KNEW THESE THINGS WOULD HAPPEN! THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS UNSAFE...THE LEVEES ROTTEN...BUILT WITH CHEAP CEMENT...LABOR RELATIONS FILLED WITH CORRUPTION! THE PEOPLE WERE CHEATED AND YOU OFFICIALS GOT FAT!
IT IS YOU WHO HAVE BEEN UNMASKED, NOT ME! COMPTON IS A CESSPOOL AND I'M GLAD TO LEAVE...NEVER TO RETURN!
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WHEN THE LIBRARIAN'S DRAMATIC STORY WAS FINISHED..
SO DR. WALLACE NEVER RETURNED AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS? WHAT HAPPENED AFTER HE DISAPPEARED?
THE TOWN WAS SHOCKED AND GUILT-RIDDEN! SOON AFTER, A NEW ELECTION WAS HELD AND ALL THE OLD CORRUPT POLITICIANS WERE TURNED OUT OF OFFICE! SINCE THEN, OUR TOWN HAS DEVELOPED A NEW CONSCIENCE!
AND THAT CONSCIENCE IS STUNG EVERY DAY BY THOUSANDS OF MIRRORS JUST LIKE THIS, HUNG ALL OVER OUR TOWN!
A WONDERFUL STORY! I THINK THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF TOWNS WHO NEED A SHOCK LIKE THAT TO AWAKEN THEIR CIVIC CONSCIENCE! WHO KNOWS, PERHAPS SOMEDAY YOU CAN RISK REMOVING THE MIRRORS!
WHICH MASK ARE YOU WEARING TODAY?
THE END

THEIR NARROW BRIMMED HATS AND THEIR GRAY FLANNEL SUITS CAUSED THEM TO BLEND PERFECTLY WITH THE STREAM OF UNSUSPECTING MEN WALKING BRISKLY DOWN MADISON AVENUE! BUT THEY WERE...

THE WORLD-DESTROYERS!

THEIR IMPASSIVE EXPRESSIONS AND THE NATURAL TONES IN WHICH THEY FORCED THEMSELVES TO SPEAK WERE ALSO PART OF THE PERFECT DISGUISE...
THAT'S AGENT X STANDING ON THE CORNER!
HE'S ON TIME! EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE!
DID YOU BRING IT WITH YOU?
WE CAN'T TALK HERE! YOU TWO WALK TOWARD YOUR HOTEL...I'LL FOLLOW AT A DISCREET DISTANCE!
HE HAS IT!
HE HAS THE BOMB THAT WILL DESTROY THE WORLD!

WHEN THEY REACHED THE HOTEL ROOM, THEY MADE CERTAIN TO DRAW THE BLINDS AND THROW A SHEET OVER THE TRANSOM...

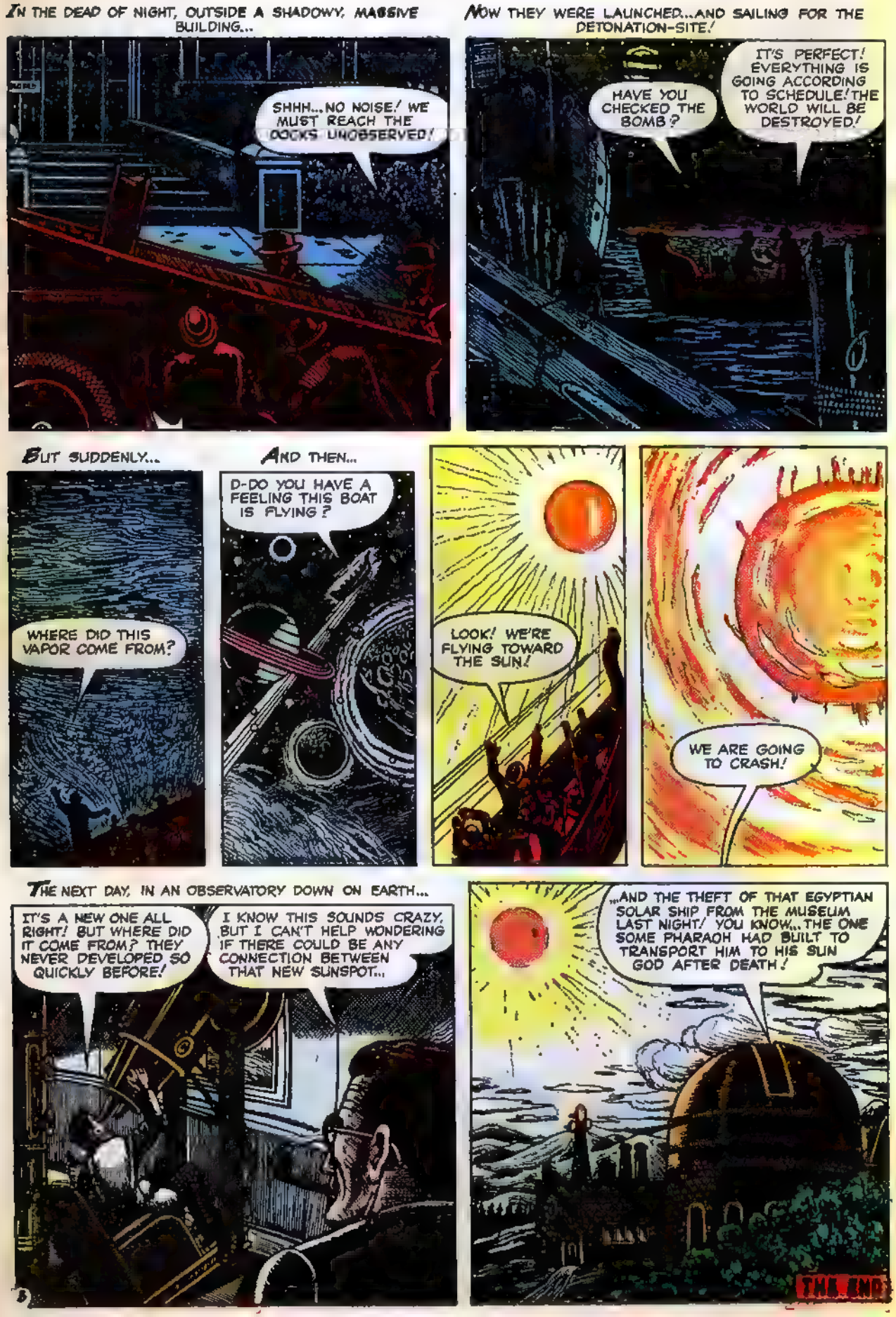
WILL THERE BE ANY DANGER TO US PERSONALLY?
NOT IF WE HANDLE IT CAREFULLY ...IT MUST BE SET OFF IN A VAST AREA OF WATER, WHAT THEY CALL AN OCEAN IN THIS WORLD!

I UNDERSTAND! WE DROP IT FROM OUR SPACECRAFT! AND WE'LL BE HALF-WAY HOME BEFORE IT EXPLODES!
NO! THERE ARE LAST MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS THAT MUST BE MADE ON THE SPOT...RIGHT ON THE OCEAN'S SURFACE!

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH EARTH CURRENCY TO BUY...
THEN WE MUST FIND ONE THAT WILL BE EASY TO STEAL! THE THREE OF US WILL START OUT NOW, AND RENDEZVOUS BACK HERE AT-DUSK!

AND SO THE THREE OF THEM WALKED THROUGH THE CITY AGAIN...THREE ALIEN AGENTS IN SEARCH OF A BOAT!

AND AT DUSK, IN THE HEART OF THE UNSUSPECTING CITY.


IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, OUTSIDE A SHADOWY, MASSIVE BUILDING...
SHHH... NO NOISE! WE MUST REACH THE DOCKS UNOBSERVED!
NOW THEY WERE LAUNCHED...AND SAILING FOR THE DETONATION-SITE!
HAVE YOU CHECKED THE BOMB?
IT'S PERFECT! EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE! THE WORLD WILL BE DESTROYED!
BUT SUDDENLY...
WHERE DID THIS VAPOR COME FROM?
AND THEN...
D-DO YOU HAVE A FEELING THIS BOAT IS FLYING?
LOOK! WE'RE FLYING TOWARD THE SUN!
WE ARE GOING TO CRASH!
THE NEXT DAY, IN AN OBSERVATORY DOWN ON EARTH...
IT'S A NEW ONE ALL RIGHT! BUT WHERE DID IT COME FROM? THEY NEVER DEVELOPED SO QUICKLY BEFORE!
I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT I CAN'T HELP WONDERING IF THERE COULD BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT NEW SUNSPOT...
...AND THE THEFT OF THAT EGYPTIAN SOLAR SHIP FROM THE MUSEUM LAST NIGHT! YOU KNOW... THE ONE SOME PHARAOH HAD BUILT TO TRANSPORT HIM TO HIS SUN GOD AFTER DEATH!
THE END
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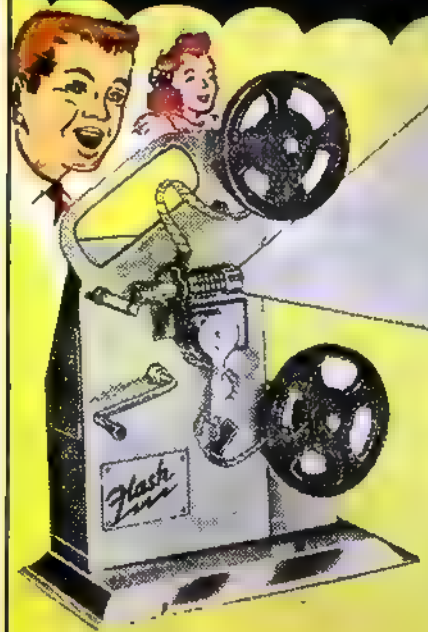

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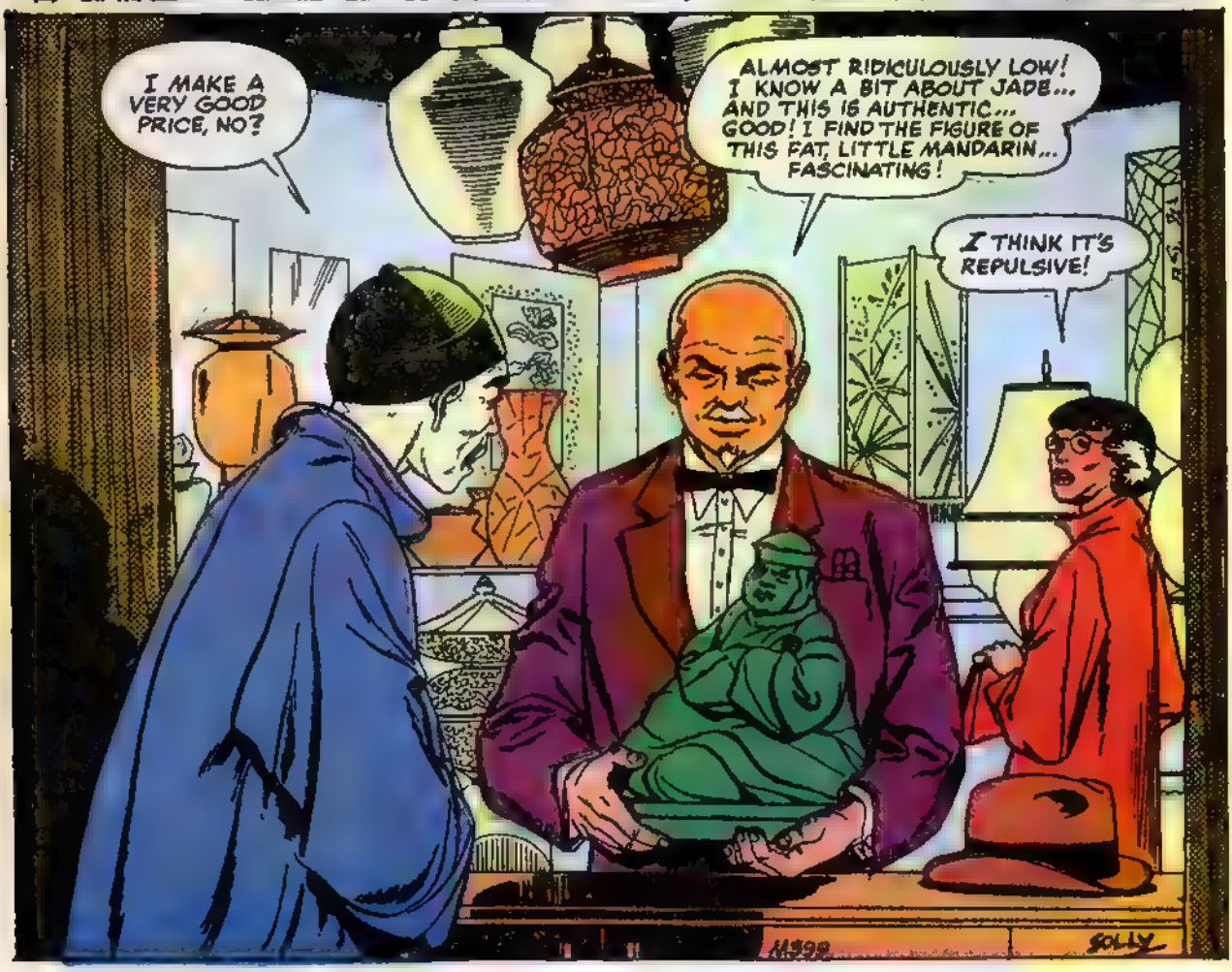
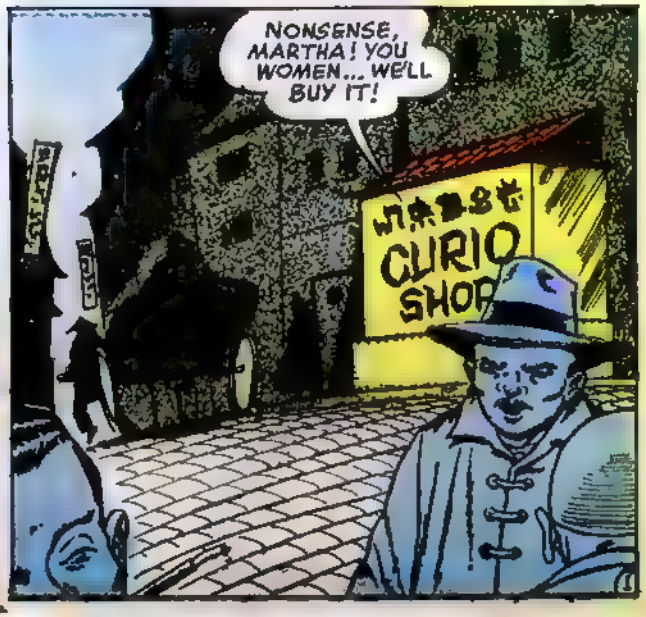
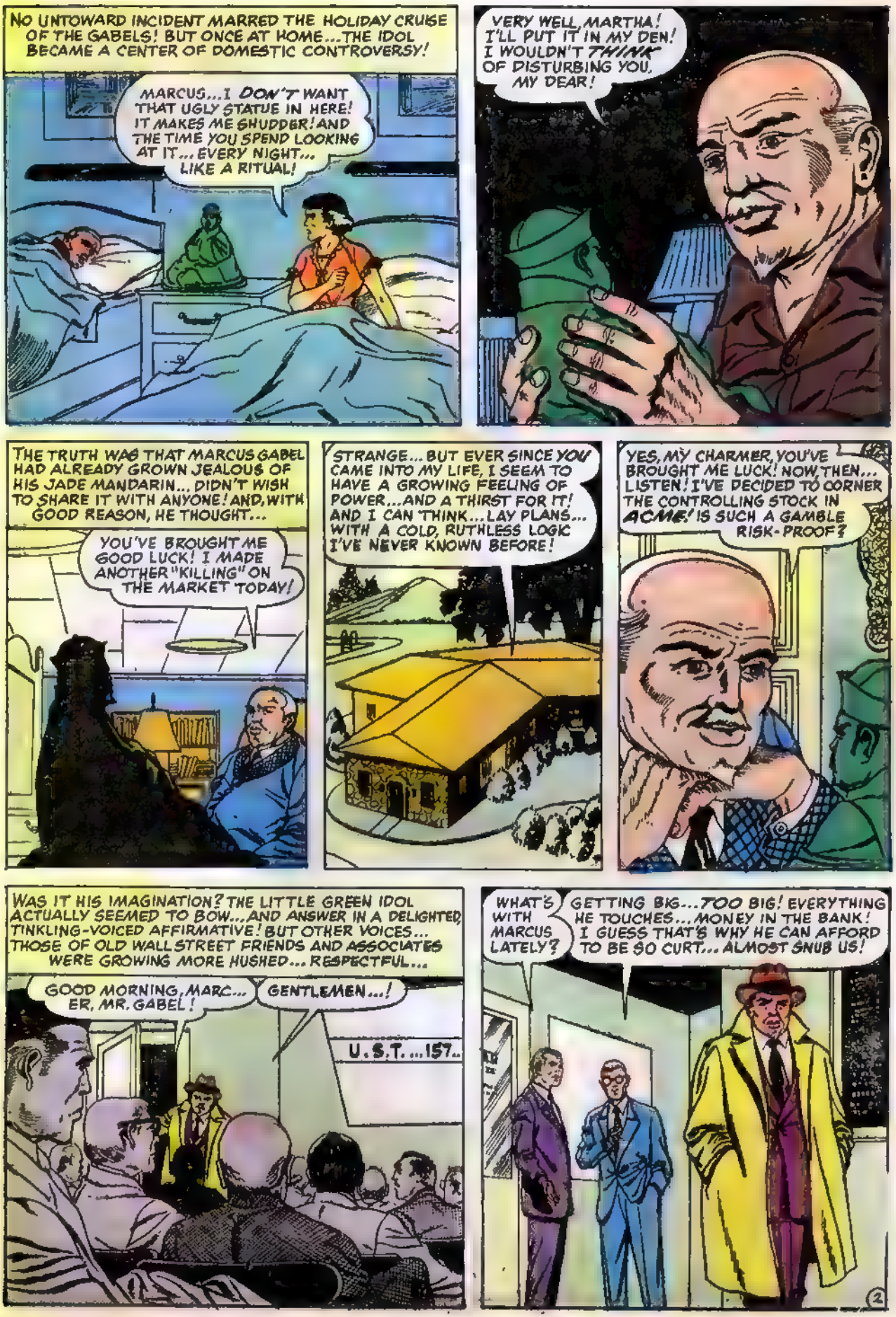
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT AN INANIMATE OBJECT CAN ACTUALLY CONTAIN A *WILL*? AND WHAT IF THAT **WILL** SHOULD BE --- MALEVOLENT...WITH THE CRAFTY DESIRES THAT REQUIRE...A HUMAN?

THE LITTLE GREEN MAN


I MAKE A VERY GOOD PRICE, NO?
ALMOST RIDICULOUSLY LOW! I KNOW A BIT ABOUT JADE... AND THIS IS AUTHENTIC... GOOD! I FIND THE FIGURE OF THIS FAT, LITTLE MANDARIN... FASCINATING!
I THINK IT'S REPULSIVE!
SOLLY

THAT'S THE WAY IT ALL STARTED FOR WALL STREET BROKER MARCUS GABEL AND HIS WIFE, MARTHA! A HARMLESS ENOUGH SHOPPING EXCURSION IN HONG KONG...THIS CURIO SHOP...
PLEASE, DARLING...LET'S GO! CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION... BUT THE THING LOOKS --- ALMOST ALIVE! AND I THINK THE SHOP-OWNER *WANTS* TO GET RID OF IT!




NO UNTOWARD INCIDENT MARRED THE HOLIDAY CRUISE OF THE GABELS! BUT ONCE AT HOME...THE IDOL BECAME A CENTER OF DOMESTIC CONTROVERSY!
MARCUS...I DON'T WANT THAT UGLY STATUE IN HERE! IT MAKES ME SHUDDER! AND THE TIME YOU SPEND LOOKING AT IT... EVERY NIGHT... LIKE A RITUAL!
VERY WELL, MARTHA! I'LL PUT IT IN MY DEN! I WOULDN'T THINK OF DISTURBING YOU, MY DEAR!
THE TRUTH WAS THAT MARCUS GABEL HAD ALREADY GROWN JEALOUS OF HIS JADE MANDARIN... DIDN'T WISH TO SHARE IT WITH ANYONE! AND, WITH GOOD REASON, HE THOUGHT...
YOU'VE BROUGHT ME GOOD LUCK! I MADE ANOTHER "KILLING" ON THE MARKET TODAY!
STRANGE... BUT EVER SINCE YOU CAME INTO MY LIFE, I SEEM TO HAVE A GROWING FEELING OF POWER...AND A THIRST FOR IT! AND I CAN THINK... LAY PLANS... WITH A COLD, RUTHLESS LOGIC I'VE NEVER KNOWN BEFORE!
YES, MY CHARMER, YOU'VE BROUGHT ME LUCK! NOW, THEN... LISTEN! I'VE DECIDED TO CORNER THE CONTROLLING STOCK IN ACME! IS SUCH A GAMBLE RISK-PROOF?
WAS IT HIS IMAGINATION? THE LITTLE GREEN IDOL ACTUALLY SEEMED TO BOW... AND ANSWER IN A DELIGHTED, TINKLING-VOICED AFFIRMATIVE! BUT OTHER VOICES... THOSE OF OLD WALL STREET FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES WERE GROWING MORE HUSHED... RESPECTFUL...
GOOD MORNING, MARC... ER, MR. GABEL!
GENTLEMEN...!
U.S.T. ...157..
WHAT'S WITH MARCUS LATELY?
GETTING BIG...TOO BIG! EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES... MONEY IN THE BANK! I GUESS THAT'S WHY HE CAN AFFORD TO BE SO CURT... ALMOST SNUB US!
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COLD, INDIFFERENT MARCUS GABEL! THE CHANGE BECAME APPARENT TO EVERYONE BUT HIMSELF! EVEN HIS CLOSEST FRIEND, RICHARD REDDING, FAILED... IN AN URGENT, PERSONAL MISSION!
THAT'S THE STORY, MARC! WHOEVER IS CONTROLLING ACME, IS PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON A SMALLER COMPANY I OWN! I HEARD RUMORS... YOU...?
SORRY, RICHARD, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ACME! AS FAR AS ADVANCING YOU A LOAN... THAT'S OUT! I'M A BIT PRESSED MYSELF!
I'M RUINED! YOU WERE MY LAST HOPE!
IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT IT WAS MARCUS GABEL BEHIND ACME... AND THAT HE COULD HAVE SAVED RICHARD REDDING FROM DISASTER! NO... VERY LITTLE MATTERED! HOME LIFE MEANT A SUMPTUOUS DINNER PASSED IN SILENCE...
MARC... AREN'T YOU PUTTING ON A BIT TOO MUCH WEIGHT? I HATE TO MENTION IT, BUT...
THEN DON'T! SQUAB WAS GOOD... BUT NOT ENOUGH! G'NIGHT!
OH, MARC! HAVEN'T YOU TIME FOR ME ANY MORE? DO YOU HAVE TO HURRY... TO THAT... THING?
HURRY? MARCUS GABEL COULD BARELY WAIT TO ENJOY THE RITUAL "CONVERSATIONS" WITH HIS COHORT IN JADE! IT OBSESSED HIM!
I FEEL SOMEONE'S TRYING TO COME BETWEEN US... MAYBE STEAL YOU! BUT DON'T WORRY... I'LL SLEEP RIGHT HERE! GUARD YOU WITH THIS PISTOL... AND MY LIFE!
TWO NIGHTS LATER... TWO SLEEPLESS, DREAM-FILLED NIGHTS...
S-SOMEONE'S IN THE ROOM!
LIKE A CAT, HE LEAPED TO THE LIGHT SWITCH!
MARTHA!
DARLING... YOU WERE READY TO USE THAT... ON ME! I JUST CAME IN TO REMIND YOU WE HAVE A DINNER DATE TOMORROW WITH THE KREISERS!
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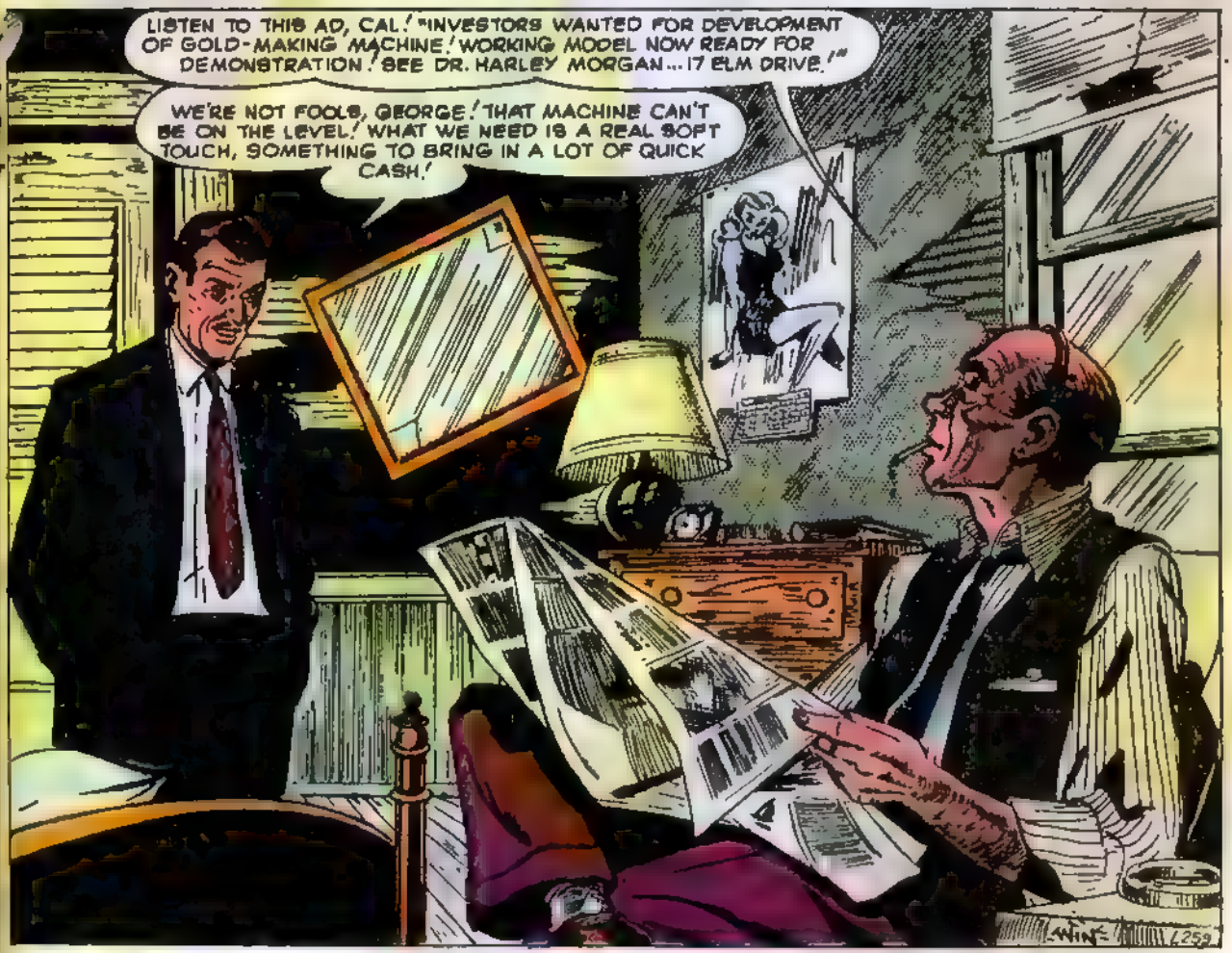
CANCEL IT! YOU KNOW I HAVE NO TIME!
YOU HAVE NO TIME FOR ANYONE ... EXCEPT THAT! OH, MARC! WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOU'RE EVEN BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE THAT UGLY MONSTROSITY!
MARCUS GABEL WARNED MARTHA ABOUT NOT ENTERING THIS ROOM WHERE FEVERISH PLANS WERE IN THE MAKING!
I'LL BE A GREAT TYCOON! I'LL GO INTO TRANSPORTATION FIELDS! RAIL, SEA AND AIRWAY! ONCE IN CONTROL... I CAN MAKE RATES! YOU AGREE?
SLEEPLESS NIGHTS! NO ONE MUST STEAL HIS LITTLE GREEN MAN! NOT NOW... WHILE HE PREPARED HIS GREAT FINANCIAL COUP!
TIRED... SO TIRED! GOT TO SLEEP! MAYBE THESE PILLS...
FATEFUL NIGHT! A SLUGGISH, NIGHTMARISH SLEEP!
H-HEAR SOMETHING! IN THIS ROOM! S-SOMEONE IS AFTER MY... YOU!
MARTHA! D-DON'T TOUCH IT!
IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
IN DESPERATION, MARTHA GABEL HURLED THE GREEN LITTLE MANDARIN AT THE WALL! IT BROKE INTO A HUNDRED TINY FRAGMENTS!
MARTHA! IS... IS THAT YOU, MY DEAR? F-FUNNY... I-FEEL AS IF I'M WAKING UP FROM A BAD DREAM! AS IF SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME... HAS SUDDENLY LEFT! RELEASED ME!
I HAD TO DO IT! IT WAS OUR ONLY CHANCE!
A FRAGMENT OF JADE... IS IT POSSIBLE? COULD IT REALLY HAVE CONTAINED SOME POWER, BENT ON POSSESSING ME? A MALICIOUS LITTLE MANDARIN USING MY BODY... MIND!
IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT AGAIN! LOOK... YOUR FACE! IT'S CHANGED AGAIN... TO THE ONE I LOVE! NOW YOU CAN UNDO ALL THE GREEDY THINGS YOU'VE DONE... AND WE'LL BE HAPPY AGAIN!
THE END

SWINDLERS DONNER AND COBERN HAD RUN INTO SOME EASY MARKS IN THEIR TIME, BUT NEVER HAD THEY SEEN A MORE FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO BILK PEOPLE OUT OF UNTOLD FORTUNES THAN WHEN THEY INVESTED THEIR OWN MONEY IN...

MORGAN'S MAD MACHINE!


LISTEN TO THIS AD, CAL! "INVESTORS WANTED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GOLD-MAKING MACHINE! WORKING MODEL NOW READY FOR DEMONSTRATION! SEE DR. HARLEY MORGAN... 17 ELM DRIVE!"
WE'RE NOT FOOLS, GEORGE! THAT MACHINE CAN'T BE ON THE LEVEL! WHAT WE NEED IS A REAL SOFT TOUCH, SOMETHING TO BRING IN A LOT OF QUICK CASH!
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CAL DONNER AND GEORGE COBERN HAD JUST FINISHED FIVE-YEAR PRISON TERMS FOR SWINDLING! BUT INSTEAD OF HAVING LEARNED THEIR LESSON, THEY WERE EAGER TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME...

OF COURSE IT'S NOT ON THE LEVEL! BUT IF WE CAN LAY OUR HANDS ON THAT MACHINE, THINK WHAT WE COULD DO WITH IT!
YEAH, GEORGE... I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE PICTURE!
NEW YORK VIEWS

POSING AS WOULD-BE INVESTORS, COBERN AND DONNER WENT TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN THE NEWSPAPER AD..

I'M NO BUSINESSMAN, GENTLEMEN... MY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN LIMITED TO TEACHING... GEOLOGY, ENGINEERING! I RESIGNED LAST YEAR TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THIS MACHINE OF MINE!

WE ARE BUSINESSMEN, DR. MORGAN! LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS! WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOUR MACHINE!

I'LL NOT ONLY SHOW YOU THE MACHINE, I'LL DEMONSTRATE HOW IT WORKS!

SEEMS TO ME I'VE SEEN THIS GUY SOMEWHERE, GEORGE!

THE PHONY "INVESTORS" WERE LESS CERTAIN DR. MORGAN'S MACHINE WOULDN'T WORK WHEN THEY ENTERED HIS CLUTTERED LAB ..

SURE, HIS FACE IS VAGUELY FAMILIAR... BUT THESE SCIENTISTS ARE ALWAYS GETTING THEIR PICTURES IN THE PAPERS!

I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS INVOLVED! THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE MACHINE IS ITS ABILITY TO GENERATE EXTREME HEAT NEEDED TO CONVERT THE MINERALS!

WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING INTO THE MACHINE? IT LOOKS LIKE PLAIN ROCK TO ME!

IN A WAY IT IS A PLAIN ROCK... SUCH A ROCK IS PLENTIFUL, BUT IT DOES HAVE PRECISELY THE ELEMENTS NEEDED TO MAKE GOLD!

DR. HARLEY MORGAN SWITCHED ON THE MACHINE! THE GOLD TOOK BUT 15 MINUTES TO CREATE, BUT ANOTHER HALF-HOUR TO COOL ENOUGH TO HANDLE...

THEY'RE THE REAL THING, ALL RIGHT... BUT THEY'RE VERY TINY NUGGETS!

EXACTLY! IT COSTS AS MUCH TO MANUFACTURE THEM AS THEY'RE WORTH! BUT WITH A BIG MACHINE, USING ATOMIC HEAT, I CAN PRODUCE GOLD AT A COST A MERE FRACTION OF WHAT THE GOLD ITSELF WILL BE WORTH!

WHAT DO YOU FIGURE YOU'D NEED TO FINANCE THE BUILDING OF YOUR FULL-SIZE MACHINE, DR. MORGAN?

I HAVE MOST OF THE MACHINERY I NEED EXCEPT FOR THE ATOMIC ACTIVATOR ITSELF! THE PARTS FOR THE ACTIVATOR WOULD RUN ABOUT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!

OF COURSE, I EXPECT TO KEEP 51 PERCENT OF THE RIGHTS OF MY INVENTION! FOR FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH, YOU GENTLEMEN MAY BUY UP THE OUTSTANDING SHARES!

TELL YOU WHAT, DR. MORGAN... WE'LL FINANCE THE ACTIVATOR! THEN YOU CAN GIVE US A SIX MONTH'S OPTION TO BUY UP THAT OTHER FORTY-NINE PERCENT OF THE MACHINE!

DR MORGAN AGREED TO GEORGE COBERN'S TERMS! BUT CAL DONNER WAS WORRIED...

THAT WAS A DUMB THING TO DO, GEORGE! YOU KNOW ALL THE DOUGH WE GOT BETWEEN US IS AROUND TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! WHY DIDN'T YOU OFFER HIM FIVE THOUSAND?

I WANTED HIM TO THINK WE'RE BIG-MONEY BOYS!

ALL WE GET FOR OUR *TEN* GRAND IS THE PRIVILEGE TO INVEST THIRTY THOUSAND WE *HAVEN'T GOT!*

WE *WILL* HAVE THAT AND A LOT *MORE*, CAL! WE'LL GIVE HIM A BUM CHECK FOR THIRTY THOUSAND... THAT'LL MAKE 49 PERCENT OF THE MACHINE'S GOLD OUTPUT *OURS!* WE'LL MAKE THAT CHECK GOOD WITH *MORGAN'S OWN GOLD!*

THE SWINDLERS DREW MOST OF THEIR SAVINGS OUT OF THE BANK AND SIGNED A CONTRACT STATING THE TERMS AGREED UPON! IT WAS SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE GOLD-MAKING MACHINE WAS NEARLY READY...

HOW MUCH LONGER, DR. MORGAN?

I'M PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON NOW, GENTLEMEN! WE'LL BE ABLE TO TURN OUT GOLD IN LARGE QUANTITIES BY THIS SATURDAY! I SAY *WE*, ASSUMING YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED IN MY INVENTION!

THAT'S ALL WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR... TO KNOW THAT MACHINE WILL BE FINISHED! MR. DONNER AND I WILL BE BACK FRIDAY WITH A CHECK FOR THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!

SPLENDID, GENTLEMEN! I'M PLEASED TO HAVE TWO SUCH TRUSTWORTHY CHAPS FOR PARTNERS!

THE TWO SWINDLERS ENJOYED LAUGHING AT DR MORGAN'S GULLIBILITY LONG AFTER THEY RETURNED TO THEIR HOTEL ROOM...

WHAT A CHUMP! FRIDAY AFTERNOON MORGAN GETS OUR CHECK! BUT HE CAN'T CASH IT TILL MONDAY! BUT WE HAVE A CONTRACT MAKING *US* HIS PARTNER! SO NEARLY HALF THE GOLD HE MAKES ON SATURDAY IS *OURS!*

RIGHT! THEN, MONDAY MORNING, WE DEPOSIT THAT GOLD AND HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH IN THE BANK TO KEEP OUR CHECK FROM BOUNCING!

THE BEST PART OF THE WHOLE THING, GEORGE, IS IT'LL *BE LEGIT!* WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT THE LAW!

WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY UNLESS SOMETHING GOES *WRONG* SATURDAY AND THERE'S *NO GOLD* TO COVER THE CHECK!

HOTE

THEY GAVE DR MORGAN A WORTHLESS CHECK FRIDAY, AND THE UNWITTING SCIENTIST SIGNED PARTNERSHIP PAPERS IMMEDIATELY! THE FOLLOWING DAY THEIR HEARTS POUNDED WITH EXCITEMENT AS THEY ARRIVED AT THE INVENTOR'S HOME...

LOOK, THEY'RE UNLOADING ROCKS INTO A COAL CHUTE!

THE SIZE OF 'EM! WITH THE *GOLD* THOSE THINGS WILL MAKE, WE'LL BE *RICH MEN* BY THE END OF THE DAY!

HELLO, DR. MORGAN! I SEE YOU'RE READY TO START! ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP?
YES, PLEASE...I'D APPRECIATE IF YOU'D CARRY SOME OF THESE ROCKS INTO THE MACHINE!

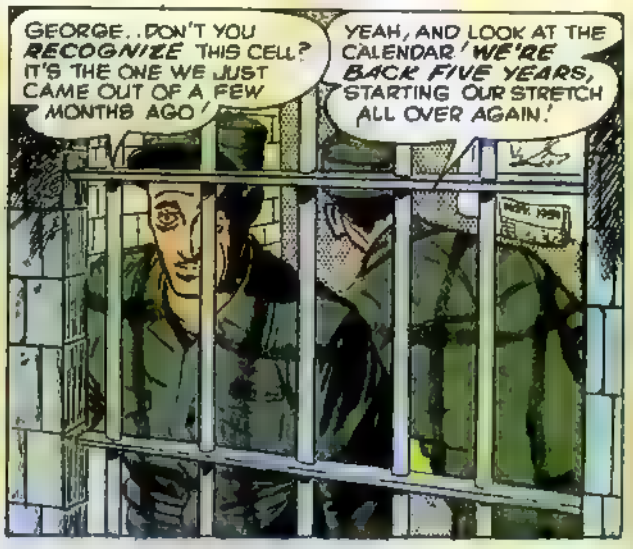
IT TOOK DONNER AND COBERN NEARLY TILL NOON TO TRANSFER THE ROCKPILE INTO THE GOLD-MAKING MACHINE...

NEVER WORKED SO HARD IN MY LIFE! WELL, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE, DR. MORGAN?
TO MAKE GOLD? OH, ONLY ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES, USING ATOMIC HEAT INSTEAD OF COMMON ELECTRICITY!

DR MORGAN THREW THE SWITCH! THE MACHINE GAVE OFF A HIGH-PITCHED WHINE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES! A HALF-HOUR LATER, COBERN AND DONNER EXCITEDLY RUSHED INTO THE MACHINE AND CAME OUT WITH THE GREAT NUGGETS...

SUDDENLY A STRANGE FEELING CAME OVER THE TWO SWINDLERS! THEY DROPPED THE HOT NUGGETS, BUT TOO LATE! THE *RADIOACTIVITY* HAD THE STRANGE EFFECT OF SENDING THEM WHIRLING *BACK THRU TIME*...

STUNNED AND DAZED, IT WAS SOME MOMENTS AFTER THEY STOPPED THEIR WILD SPIN AND REALIZED WHERE THEY WERE..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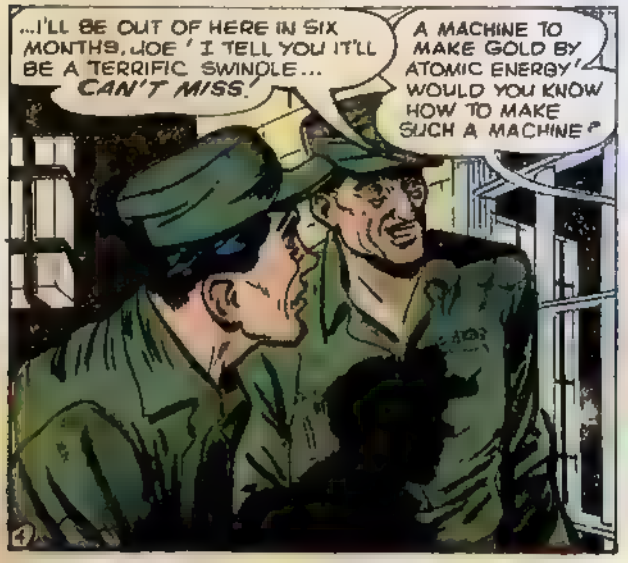
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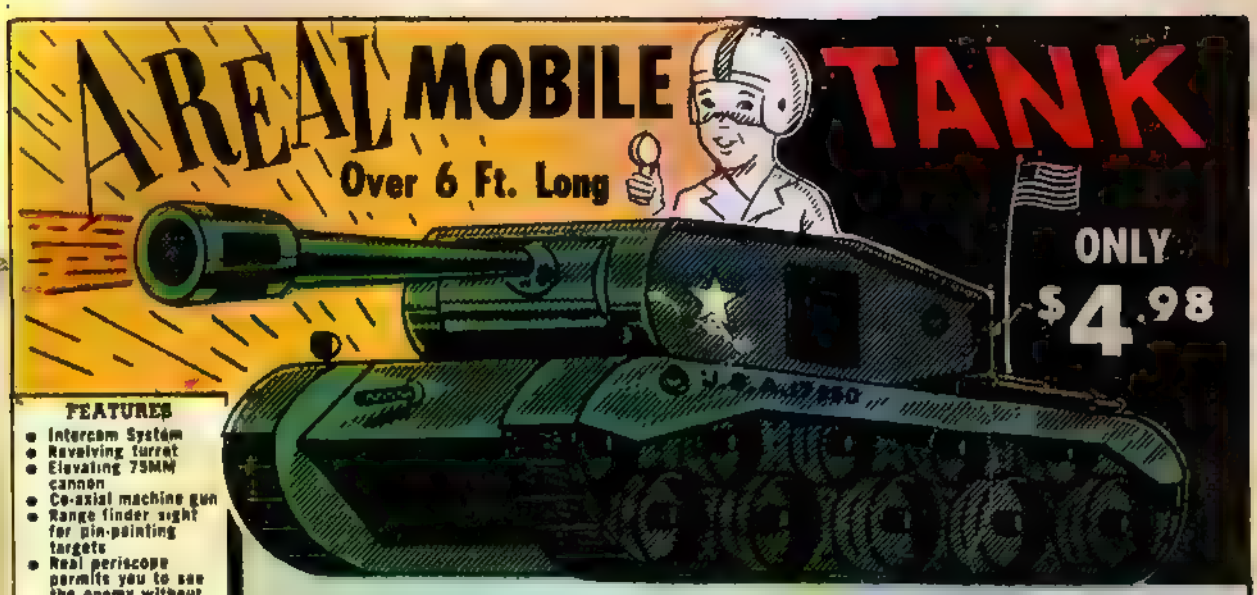

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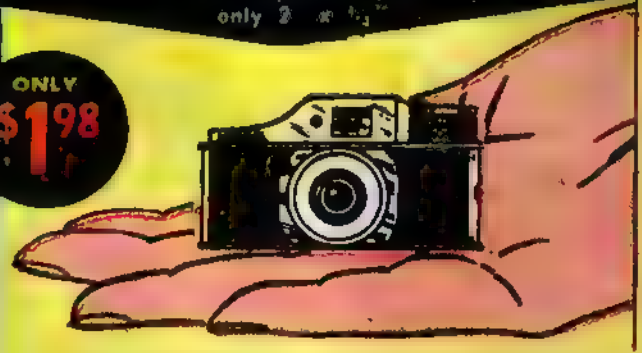

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MOST people agreed that he was a backward baby. He didn't coo or gurgle to himself or play games with his hands like most infants. Instead, he adopted a strange gibberish form of speech that even his parents didn't pretend to understand. Nor did he crawl contentedly like most babies do when he was placed upon the floor. Instead, when he spied an object that he wanted, he would inch himself slowly *backward* until his pudgy fingers clasped around it. And when he finally stood on wobbly legs and begun to walk, he lurched in the opposite direction from his parents' outstretched arms.

Of course, his parents were pained and quite a bit puzzled. Their neighbors, however, were sympathetic and always solicitous about the child's progress. After all, Mr. and Mrs. Oston Trams seemed like a normal contented couple . . . even if their offspring's behavior was decidedly odd! The child's name, Laer Trams, seemed somewhat odd, too, but most folks assumed that it was just a family name passed down from one generation to another.

As time passed, the child matured in size and understanding. He still walked backwards, but now he managed to maneuver himself into his parents' arms merely by cocking an eye over his shoulder and steering himself accordingly. It was just as though he were an automobile that had to be shifted in reverse gear in order to back into a desired parking space.

Yet he was a handsome child with an alert, intelligent look. He listened attentively to his parents and comprehension always registered immediately on his features. But that's as far as it went. He just didn't seem able to communicate *his* thoughts to them.

His speech had speeded up considerably. He spoke in words of many syllables. Yet no one could understand what he was saying unless he pointed to an object and gestured obviously. He learned to dress himself perfectly at an early age except that he usually put his shoes on the wrong feet. He learned to bathe himself quickly and also how to comb his own hair, although most people were struck by the fact that he always parted his hair on the right side.

But it was his amazing athletic skill that captured the imagination of his neighbors. He could run like the wind, yet he ran only in a backwards direction and easily outdistanced playmates of his own age who were running frantically forward! There were frequent witnesses to this feat, but they only shook their heads sadly when they recounted the stories to Laer's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Trams were proud and perplexed at the same time. Obviously, Laer was an intelligent, gifted child, but he wasn't growing up in an ordinary fashion. He was regarded as an oddity by his friends, and yet their reaction was mingled with genuine respect for his athletic prowess and his eagerness to participate in their play despite his obvious handicaps.

He garbled his words so that they couldn't be recognized, yet he never grew angry or impatient with his friends' inability to understand him. Instead, patiently he would plod along with them as soon as he received instructions from the leader of their games.

At times, his weakness became his strength. He played at the End position in football, and he had the advantage of running speedily downfield without ever having to take his eye off the pass-throwing quarterback on his team. Understandably, he was the star receiver and leading scorer in his school league.

In high school, he was the sensation of the swimming squad. Nobody could keep up with him in the backstroke races, and before long Laer had broken every established record in the books for every competitive backstroke distance.

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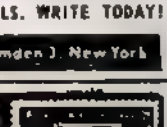

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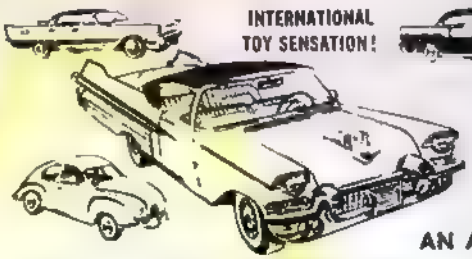

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comes off the linotypes *printed backwards* on molten metal slugs. Of course, when all the slugs are assembled and ink is rolled on the tightly-held stack, the printed matter comes off in reverse on the paper. It takes many good men years to learn how to read print backwards, but for Laer it was a cinch. His speed and accuracy were unrivaled, and soon he was pulling down a large paycheck for his part-time services.

Despite his ability to get along with other people and despite his undeniable progress in several fields, his parents and teachers pondered long hours over his strange behavior. Nobody, however, got any tangible results until Laer was assigned to an extra-curricular job at school. He was asked to assist the school projectionist, Mike Ross, who ran off the educational movies for group classes in the auditorium. Mike was also a grade adviser who had always taken a special interest in Laer.

One day, all the students were assembled in the auditorium. The lights were dimmed, the movie projector began its busy whirring and the bright beam of light illuminated the screen. Suddenly, a jumble of pictures flashed across the screen, and the sound track produced a garbled combination of sounds.

"The film's running in reverse and so's the sound track," many voices chorused.

"Turn on the lights and let 'em fix it," other voices advised.

As the lights went on, Mike Ross turned slowly and stared at Laer. "You know something," he said kindly, "that backward sound track sounded just like you when you get all wound up. Did you notice that?"

Laer nodded his head vigorously. "*Sdrawkcab!*" he seemed to mumble.

"What's that?" Mike leaned forward anxiously to catch Laer's words.

"*SDRAWKCAB!*" Laer repeated in a louder voice.

Mike's eyes sparkled with sudden excitement. "I get it!" he exclaimed. "*Sdrawkcab!* That's the word *backwards* spelled backwards! That's why nobody has ever been able to understand you. You speak backwards . . . you spell backwards . . . and you do *everything* backwards!

"That's the secret . . . you run, swim, read and print backwards, too. Everyone has always known that you were a bright boy who understands everybody else, but you've never been able to make other people understand you. And no wonder! But now that we know the reason, perhaps we can help you out!"

Soon after he had restored the film and the sound track to working order, Mike took Laer to the principal's office. A special meeting was scheduled, and all waited patiently until Laer's parents arrived. The principal, armed with the special information that Mike had stumbled upon, began the discussion.

"For some reason," he said hesitantly, "your son Laer has been doing everything backwards from the time he was born. Everyone has been aware of it in many forms, including yourselves, and yet no one has ever been able to put his finger on the *real* reason for his strange accomplishments or his inability to do things like other children."

He paused dramatically. "But now we know that he does *everything* backwards. Now why would he do that? It's obvious that he's really an intelligent boy despite this obvious mental block. No one can deny he's real smart."

"Real smart," Mike echoed. "Laer Trams!"

And with these words, it dawned on all of them.

Real smart was merely *Laer Trams* spelled backwards! From the very moment of his birth and christening, this boy was launched on a backward path by his "backward" parents.

And why were his parents "backward?" Why even their name is a giveaway. Mr. and Mrs. *Oston Trams*. Spelled backwards, they were simply *Notso Smart*.

How did it happen? How did his parents get their names and why did they provide the clue by naming their son, Laer? Nobody was quite sure. Fortunately, once the secret was discovered, Laer's problem was easily rectified and he went on to become one of the world's leading scientists.

How did *we* learn about it? That's quite easy. Some modern archaeologists dug up an ancient tomb recently and found the entire case history along with many other fascinating facts about an ancient civilization.

You see, Laer lived thousands of years ago, but as the case history indicates, he was *real smart!*

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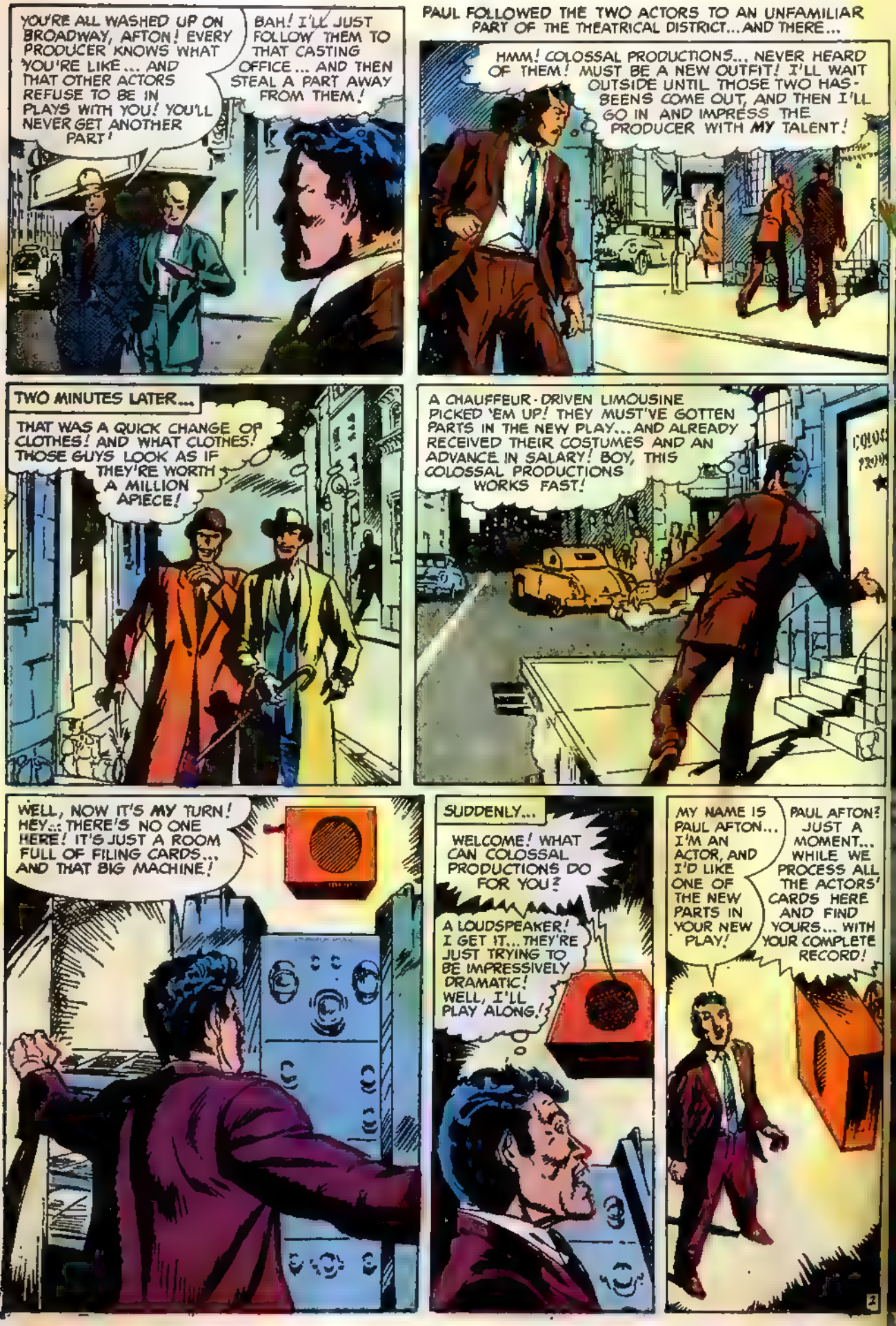
SIDNEY CHECK

LET GO OF ME! WHEN YOU WERE MAKING A THOUSAND A WEEK IN THAT HIT SHOW LAST YEAR, YOU WOULDN'T LEND ME A DIME FOR A CUP OF COFFEE!
YEAH... YOU SAID YOU'D RATHER GAMBLE YOUR MONEY AWAY THAN HELP AN ACTOR WHO MIGHT COMPETE WITH YOU! NOW NOBODY'LL HELP YOU!


YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP ON BROADWAY, AFTON! EVERY PRODUCER KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE LIKE... AND THAT OTHER ACTORS REFUSE TO BE IN PLAYS WITH YOU! YOU'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER PART!
BAH! I'LL JUST FOLLOW THEM TO THAT CASTING OFFICE... AND THEN STEAL A PART AWAY FROM THEM!
PAUL FOLLOWED THE TWO ACTORS TO AN UNFAMILIAR PART OF THE THEATRICAL DISTRICT... AND THERE...
HMM! COLOSSAL PRODUCTIONS... NEVER HEARD OF THEM! MUST BE A NEW OUTFIT! I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE UNTIL THOSE TWO HAS-BEENS COME OUT, AND THEN I'LL GO IN AND IMPRESS THE PRODUCER WITH MY TALENT!
TWO MINUTES LATER...
THAT WAS A QUICK CHANGE OF CLOTHES! AND WHAT CLOTHES! THOSE GUYS LOOK AS IF THEY'RE WORTH A MILLION APIECE!
A CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN LIMOUSINE PICKED 'EM UP! THEY MUST'VE GOTTEN PARTS IN THE NEW PLAY... AND ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR COSTUMES AND AN ADVANCE IN SALARY! BOY, THIS COLOSSAL PRODUCTIONS WORKS FAST!
WELL, NOW IT'S MY TURN! HEY... THERE'S NO ONE HERE! IT'S JUST A ROOM FULL OF FILING CARDS... AND THAT BIG MACHINE!
SUDDENLY...
WELCOME! WHAT CAN COLOSSAL PRODUCTIONS DO FOR YOU?
A LOUDSPEAKER! I GET IT... THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO BE IMPRESSIVELY DRAMATIC! WELL, I'LL PLAY ALONG!
MY NAME IS PAUL AFTON... I'M AN ACTOR, AND I'D LIKE ONE OF THE NEW PARTS IN YOUR NEW PLAY!
PAUL AFTON? JUST A MOMENT... WHILE WE PROCESS ALL THE ACTORS' CARDS HERE AND FIND YOURS... WITH YOUR COMPLETE RECORD!
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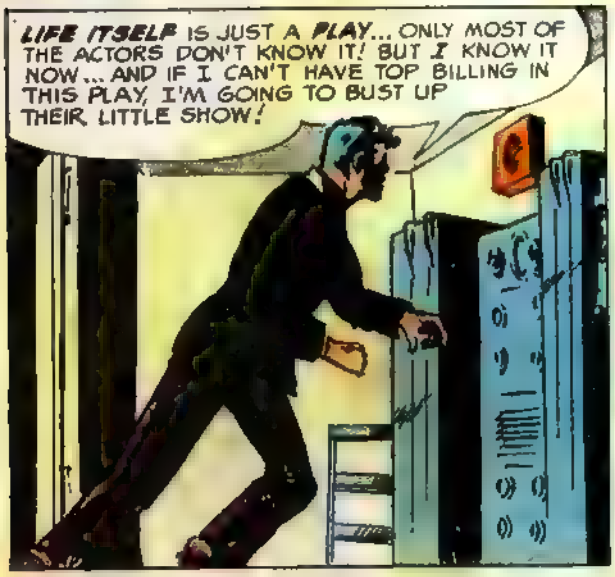
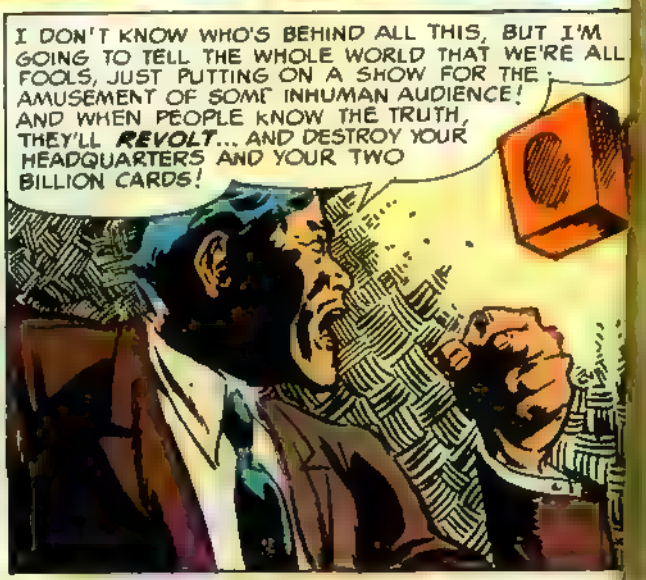
MACHINES WHIRRED. AND SECONDS LATER A SINGLE CARD WAS PLUCKED OUT OF THE ENDLESS ROWS...
AH, YES, WE HAVE YOUR ACTING RECORD HERE, PAUL AFTON!
HUM? YOU MEAN ALL THOSE MILLIONS OF CARDS ARE THOSE OF ACTORS?
MILLIONS? NO... BILLIONS! OVER TWO BILLION, IN FACT!
IT CAN'T BE! THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE EARTH IS ABOUT TWO BILLION... SO HOW CAN THERE BE TWO BILLION ACTORS?
COME, COME, LET'S NOT ARGUE! WE'RE MUCH TOO BUSY HERE FOR THAT! YOU SAY YOU WANT A NEW PART? DOES THAT MEAN YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR OCCUPATION? OR DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR SELFISH, GREEDY, ARROGANT CHARACTER?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY CHARACTER!... I LIKE IT!
AND I LIKE MY OCCUPATION! I JUST WANT A PART IN YOUR PLAY!
AH, THEN I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T HELP YOU... BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HAVE A PART IN THE PLAY... AND YOU LIKE THE PART! GOOD-BYE...
THE NEXT THING PAUL AFTON KNEW, HE WAS OUT ON THE STREET... AN ANGRY, BAFFLED MAN...
EITHER I'M CRAZY... OR THAT PLACE IS A COMPLETE PHONY! AND I INTEND TO FIND OUT!
SAY... THAT STREET CLEANER'S GOING IN THERE! I THINK I'LL EAVESDROP... AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM!
...YES, IF YOU PLEASE, I WOULD LIKE A NEW PART! I AM A GOOD SINGER... I WOULD LIKE TO BE A FAMOUS OPERA SINGER!
HAW... WHAT A CRACKPOT!

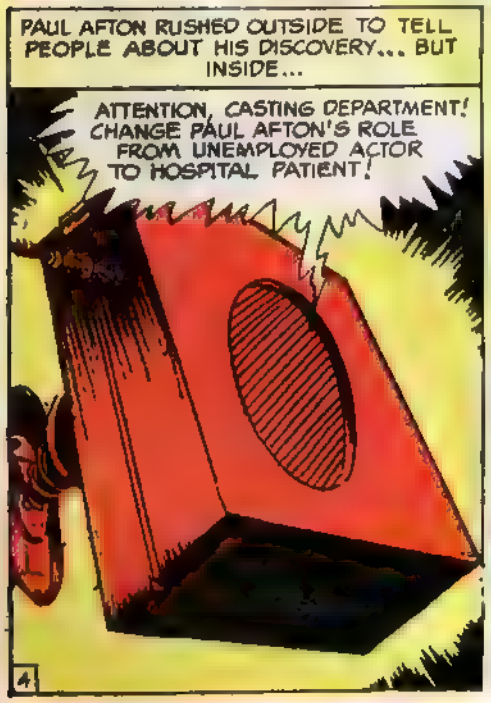
AH, YES, WE CAN USE ANOTHER GOOD OPERA SINGER IN OUR CAST... AND ONE STREET CLEANER LESS WON'T HURT THE PLOT OF THE SHOW! YOUR REQUEST FOR A NEW PART IS...

GRANTED!
WHAT! HE... HE CHANGED!

WAIT... I GET IT NOW! EVERYTHING FITS IN! THERE ARE TWO BILLION ACTORS... EVERYONE ON EARTH IS AN ACTOR... PUTTING ON A PLAY FOR SOME INVISIBLE AUDIENCE!


LIFE ITSELF IS JUST A PLAY... ONLY MOST OF THE ACTORS DON'T KNOW IT! BUT I KNOW IT NOW... AND IF I CAN'T HAVE TOP BILLING IN THIS PLAY, I'M GOING TO BUST UP THEIR LITTLE SHOW!


I DON'T KNOW WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS, BUT I'M GOING TO TELL THE WHOLE WORLD THAT WE'RE ALL FOOLS, JUST PUTTING ON A SHOW FOR THE AMUSEMENT OF SOME INHUMAN AUDIENCE! AND WHEN PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUTH, THEY'LL REVOLT... AND DESTROY YOUR HEADQUARTERS AND YOUR TWO BILLION CARDS!


PAUL AFTON RUSHED OUTSIDE TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT HIS DISCOVERY... BUT INSIDE...
ATTENTION, CASTING DEPARTMENT! CHANGE PAUL AFTON'S ROLE FROM UNEMPLOYED ACTOR TO HOSPITAL PATIENT!

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HE'S A HOPELESS SCHIZOPHRENIC, PARANOID TYPE!
DEFINITELY! BUT HIS DELUSIONS ARE CERTAINLY THE STRANGEST IN ALL THE ANNALS OF PSYCHIATRY!
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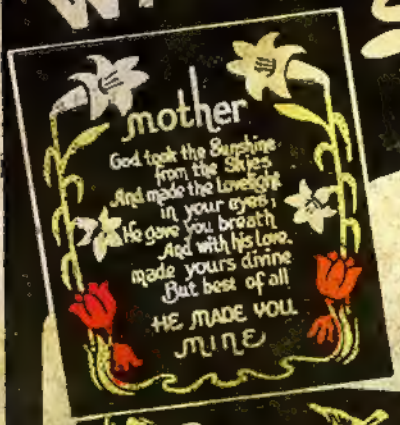
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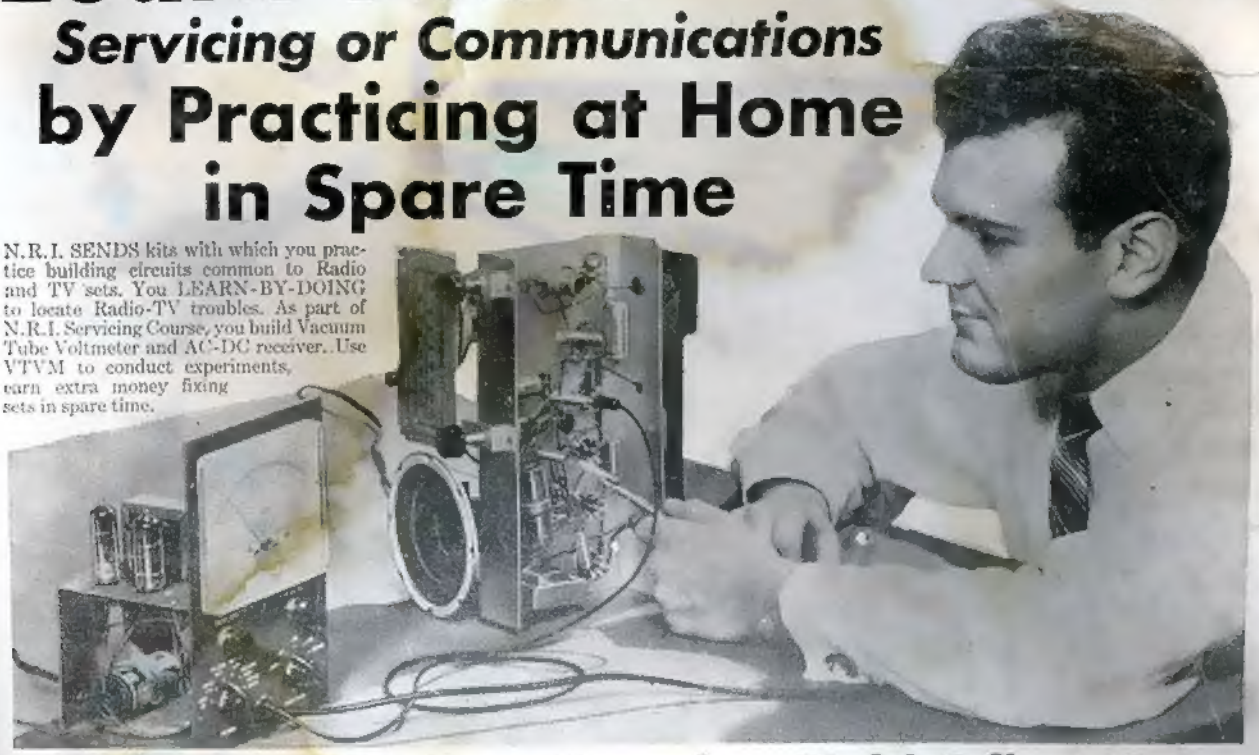

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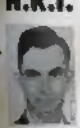

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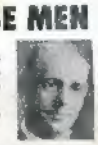

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